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Re: MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center  
Application to Establish Liver Transplantation Services  
Docket No.: 17-03-2406

Dear Counsel,

This letter acknowledges receipt of the February 17, 2023 response filing by MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center (Franklin Square) in the review of its above-referenced application to establish liver transplantation services. Franklin Square's filing was made in response to my December 13, 2022 request that Franklin Square supplement their updated application of November 17, 2022.

I have reviewed Franklin Square's filing and a number of the responses were not sufficiently responsive to the Commission's request. It is up to the applicant to satisfy its responsibility to supply the needed data for a rigorous and comprehensive review. I will not be asking again for the applicant to provide the information previously requested. This letter serves as notice to initiate the 30-day period during which comments may be filed by the interested parties. All interested parties' comments must be submitted by March 30, 2023. As I previously noted, Franklin Square may file one response to the comments within 15 days after the interested party

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comments’ deadline, which will be April 14<sup>th</sup>. No reply filings are permitted unless I specifically agree that a reply may be filed.

All filings in this review must continue to be submitted in Portable Document Format (PDF) by email to the parties in this review, to Ms. Ruby Potter, and others copied on the e-mail by which this letter is sent. In addition, as previously requested, please send a copy of all filings to Ms. Potter in Word format.

I remind the parties that the *ex parte* prohibitions in the Administrative Procedure Act, Maryland Code Ann., State Gov’t §10-219, apply to this proceeding until the Commission issues a final decision.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner/ Reviewer

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